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REF; A. USNATO 2729 DTG 051304Z MAY 77. B. USNATO 2558  
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SUMMARY: ASYG LABERGE EXPLAINED TO NADREPS THAT SYG LUNS  
WILL SEND THE PROGRESS REPORT ON NATO AEW TO DEFENSE  
MINISTERS AS A PO. THE CANADIAN REP PUSHED FOR A MORE  
DEFINITIVE TIME SCHEDULE OF FUTURE ACTIONS. LABERGE SAID  
HIS GUIDANCE FROM LUNS WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO PROPOSE A  
MORE SPECIFIC SCHEDULE; HOWEVER, HE WOULD PASS THE CANA-  
DIAN CONCERN TO LUNS. LABERGE ASKED DELEGATIONS TO WRITE

THE UK PERMREP REQUESTING THAT AIR COMMODORE SCRIMGEOUR BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AS PROGRAM MANAGER. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MAY 4, NADREPS MET WITH ASYG (DEFENSE SUPPORT) LABERGE TO DISCUSS THE REPORT TO DEFENSE MINISTERS ON NATO AEW. LABERGE EXPLAINED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE EARLIER NAC/DPC DISCUSSION OF THE SAME SUBJECT (REF A), SYG LUNS WOULD FORWARD THE REPORT TO DEFENSE MINISTERS AS HIS OWN PERSONAL PO. SINCE IT WILL BE A PO, NATIONS COULD OFFER SUGGESTIONS AS TO ITS CONTENT; HOWEVER, THE FINAL DECISION ON THE TEXT WOULD BE MADE BY THE SYG.

2. LABERGE THEN OUTLINED THE DRAFT HE WOULD WRITE FOR THE SYG'S CONSIDERATION. IT WILL BE BASED ON C-M(77)35 (REF B); HOWEVER, PARAS 8 AND 9 WOULD BE DELETED FROM THE ANNEX, AND PARA 9, RECOMMENDATIONS, WILL BE ADDED TO THE COVER LETTER AS PARA 5. IN ADDITION, LABERGE PLANS TO INCLUDE A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING AND THE RATIONALE FOR ABANDONING THE JULY 1 TARGET DATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE CANADIAN PERMREP AT THE NAC (REF A). THE TEXT OF LABERGE'S PROPOSED WORDING FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT. WITH RESPECT TO THE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS, THE SEQUENCE OUTLINED IN PARA 7 OF THE ANNEX MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SUGGESTED TO ME THAT IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO FIX A FIRM DATE FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION UNTIL WE HAVE PROGRESSED THROUGH A FEW OF THESE STAGES. HOWEVER, KNOWING THE AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE AND THE TIME NECESSARY FOR CONSIDERATION OF A REVISED  
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PROPOSAL, I DO NOT BELIEVE THE DATE OF 1 JULY FOR MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT SET ON 25TH MARCH, 1977 IS ANY LONGER REALISTIC. END TEXT.

3. THE CANADIAN REP REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN THAT SPECIFIC TARGET DATES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS A MANAGEMENT TOOL. HE SAID THAT, DUE TO INCREASED OVERHEAD AND OTHER COSTS, EACH MONTH OF DELAY WILL COST NATO AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION. LABERGE SAID THE SYG HAD DIRECTED HIM NOT TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC MILESTONE DATES FOR FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT FOR PRELIMINARY ANALYSES WHICH ARE DUE EARLY IN MAY. THE SYG'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE BASED ON HIS INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH SOME PERMREPS AT WEEKLY LUNCHEONS AND OTHER MEETINGS, BUT LABERGE SAID HE WOULD RELAY THE CANADIAN CONCERN TO LUNS. THE US REP PROPOSED THAT THE SENSE OF URGENCY COULD BE ADDED TO THE PAPER BY INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION FOR MINISTERS' CONSIDERATION AS SUGGESTED REF C. LABERGE ACCEPTED THIS AND OTHER US PROPOSED CHANGES (REF C), SAYING THAT HE WOULD GIVE THEM FULL CONSIDERATION.

4. ON THE POINT OF TIMING, THE NORWEGIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT ANY NEW TIME SCHEDULE SHOULD BE WELL THOUGHT OUT AND REASONABLE; IT SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE TIMING OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY PROCESSES. THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWEGIAN REPS ASKED LABERGE TO INCLUDE IN THE PAPER SOME DISCUSSION OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES AND OF THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE NAPO. LABERGE SAID THE AC/259(HLG) ON NATO AEW WOULD DISCUSS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AT ITS

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MEETING ON MAY 5; HE WOULD PROPOSE THAT SOME INFORMATION BE ADDED TO THE REPORT TO MINISTERS BASED ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

5. ON QUESTION OF NAPO MANNING, LABERGE CALLED NAD-REPS' ATTENTION TO UK AMBASSADOR KILLICK'S APRIL 21 LETTER TO ACTING SYG PANSAL (REF D), WHICH SAID, INTER ALIA, THAT THE UK WOULD BE READY TO LEAVE MOST OF THE

BRITISH STAFF ON LOAN TO THE NAPO IN POST FOR THE TIME  
BEING TO INSURE CONTINUITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.  
LABERGE SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DELEGATIONS COULD  
WRITE TO KILLICK REQUESTING THE UK TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM  
MANAGER, AIR COMMODORE SCRIMGEOUR, TO CONTINUE IN HIS  
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PRESENT POSITION UNTIL THE ISSUE IS DECIDED BY MINISTERS.  
COMMENT: SCRIMGEOUR HAS BEEN A VERY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM  
MANAGER. FOR REASONS OF CONTINUITY WE AGREE THAT THE  
PROGRAM WOULD PROBABLY NOT BENEFIT FROM A CHANGE IN  
LEADERSHIP AT THIS TIME OR IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WHILE THE  
FRG DELEGATION DOES NOT YET HAVE A FORMAL POSITION ON  
THIS MATTER, OUR GERMAN CONTACTS TELL US INFORMALLY THAT  
THE FRG WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO HAVE SCRIMGEOUR STAY ON.  
END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF LABERGE'S SUGGESTION  
AND THE PREVIOUS WASHINGTON APPROACH TO LONDON (REF E),  
REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WE SHOULD WRITE TO  
KILLICK ON THIS SUBJECT. BENNETT

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